Guidelines for keeping areas along road sides unoccupied

3971. SHRI RATNA BAHADRU RAI: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that certain area along the sides of a Highways are required to be kept unoccupied; and

(b) if so, the details of such guidelines?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A statement is annexed.

Statement

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The Ministry of Surface Transport has laid down certain guidelines for keeping areas along road sides unoccupied. According to these guidelines, in order to prevent overcrowding and preserve sufficient space for future road improvements, it would be desirable to laq down restrictions to regulate building activities along arterial highways. Within a prescribed distance from the highway, no building activity is to be allowed to be undertaken. This distance from road is defined by a hypothetical line called the "Building Line", Beyond this line buildings of a height exceeding 13 m above road level are not to be built for a further distance defined by what are called "Control Lines". The minimum desirable standard for "Building Lines" and "Control Lines" for National Highways is under:—

Plain and Rolling Terrain			Mountain and Steep Terrain			
Rural areas		Urban & Industrial areas	Distance between Bulding line and Roadline boundary			
			Rural areas		Urban areas	
Width between Buliding Lines (overall width) (metre)	Width between control lines (overall) width) (metre)	Distance between Buidling Lind and Roadland boundary (set back distance) (metre)	Normal (metre)	Exceptional (metre)	Normal (metre)	Exceptional (metre)
80	150	3-6	5	3	5	3

No structure of any kind, save the ones required for the development and operation of the highway or those for which the States have been authorised separately is permitted to be put on National Highway road land without the prior approval of the Ministry.

Widening of road in South Delhi

3972. SHRI G. Y. KRISHNAN: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 2598 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 16th December, 1991 and state: